

27 JUNE 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: ALL CABLE ORIGINATORS  
SUBJECT : CLASSIFICATION AND DECLASSIFICATION OF CIA CABLES  
STAT REFERENCES :

1. THE PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE IS TO ALERT ALL CABLE ORIGINATORS TO THE NEED FOR THE PROPER CLASSIFICATION AND DECLASSIFICATION OF CABLES IN COMPLIANCE WITH LATEST AGENCY DIRECTIVES.

2. EFFECTIVE 30 JUNE 1972, ALL CABLE ORIGINATORS MUST INSERT THE APPROPRIATE DECLASSIFICATION CAVEAT AT THE END OF THE MESSAGE TEXT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 11652.

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FOR EXAMPLE:

A. "EX-2" MEANS THAT THE MESSAGE IS EXEMPT FROM DECLASSIFICATION BECAUSE IT CONTAINS CLASSIFIED INFORMATION OR MATERIAL SPECIFICALLY COVERED BY STATUTE, OR PERTAINING TO CRYPTOGRAPHY, OR DISCLOSING INTELLIGENCE SOURCES OR METHODS.

B. "GDS-1980" ON A MESSAGE CLASSIFIED SECRET MEANS THAT THE MESSAGE WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE DOWNGRADED TO CONFIDENTIAL AT THE END OF THE SECOND {2ND} FULL CALENDAR YEAR FOLLOWING THE YEAR IN WHICH IT WAS ORIGINATED, AND DECLASSIFIED AT THE END OF THE EIGHTH {8TH} FULL CALENDAR YEAR FOLLOWING THE YEAR IN WHICH IT WAS ORIGINATED.

3. THE DECLASSIFICATION CAVEAT MUST APPEAR AT THE VERY END OF THE MESSAGE TEXT.

CABLE SECRETARY